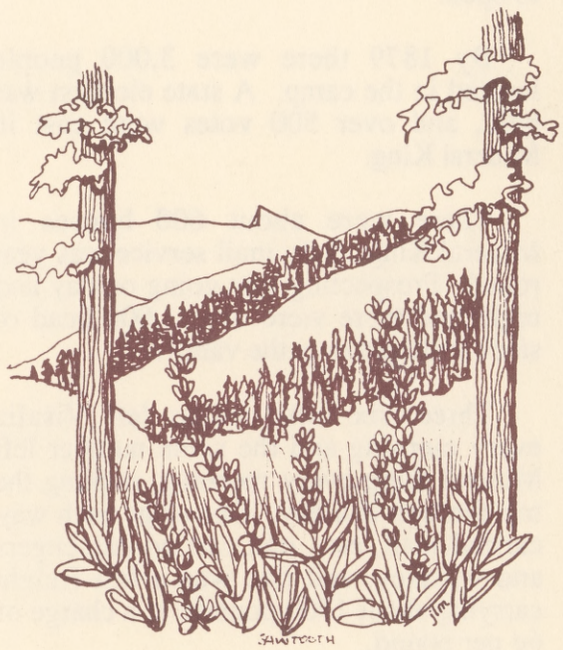
MINERAL KING

PRESERVATION

SOCIETY



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DID YOU KNOW?

There was only a trail to Mineral King in 1873. The name of the mining camp in 1874 was Beulah. In 1875 the miners voted to change the name to Mineral King.

In 1878 when Tom Fowler bought the Empire Mine, John Crowley built a Toll Road. With a crew of 200 men working--half of the crew working from Mineral King down and the other half from the summit of Red Hill up, they completed the road in 5 1/2 months. The two crews met at Redwood Canyon on August 20, 1879. About 150 outfits were waiting for the road to open.

By 1879 there were 3,000 people located in the camp. A state election was held, and over 500 votes were cast in Mineral King.

There were about 600 houses in Mineral King, daily mail service was year round. Prospecting was going on day and night and there were over 1,000 head of stock scattered over the valley.

Three, six-horse stages left Visalia every morning and the same number left Mineral King every morning, making the trip through in a day. One stage each way carried mail, etc., one carried passengers and whiskey, and one was a fast freight carrying about 1500 pounds, at a charge of 6¢ per pound.

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PURPOSE. The Mineral King Preservation Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to making better known and understood the natural and historical values of Mineral King.

OBJECTIVES

1. Preserve, maintain and protect historical buildings and sites.

2. To collect and preserve records, artifacts and items of historical interest.

3. To research the history of structures and their inhabitants.

4. To establish a repository for photographs, documents and artifacts concerning Mineral King's history, oral tradition and pioneer families.

5. To mark places of historical interest with suitable monuments and markers.

6. To promote public awareness of and interest in the history of Mineral King.

PLEASE JOIN US NOW!

The Mineral King Preservation Society depends upon memberships and contributions to support our preservation and historical activities. Membership dues and contributions are tax deductible.

Individual	$10.00 per year
Couples	$15.00 per year
Other	$25 - $50 - $100

Please return this form with your membership contribution to:

Mineral King Preservation Society
c/o Ora Kay Peterson
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Visalia, CA 93277
(209) 734-6150

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I would like to serve on the following committee(s)

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